Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of vertebral fractures in a disease activity steered cohort of patients with early active rheumatoid arthritis

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This is a well written study extracted from the Best study and intended to determine the prevalence of vertebral fractures after 5 years of disease activity score (DAS)-steered treatment in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis.

Discretionary Revisions

The prevalence of VFs was very low which may be due to two factors that should be discussed: 1) early RA and 2) DAS steered patients well controlled with antirheumatic drugs and antiresorptives which may be different from the real world.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

None